produced annually in the opium factory at Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to increase the production of opium in this factory;

(c) if so,the details thereof;

(d) the production of opium in this factory during the years 1966,1970, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1990 Year-wise; and

(e) if the production has declined, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Export quality opium of 90° Consistence is produced in the factory at Ghazipur. Annual production depends on the export orders in hand.

(b) No,Sir. since there is surplus capacity.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The accounts are maintained on financial year and not on calender year basis. The production of opium at Ghazipur factory in relevant financial years is given below:-

Year	*Quantity in Metric Tonnes at 90° C*
1966-67	462.367
1970-71	452.164
1975-76	444.069
1980 81	258.119
1985-86	384.400
1990-91	420.920

(e) Production of opium in the factory being dependent on export orders,cannot be said to have declined. However, receipt of raw opium from poppy fields has shown declining trend due to reduction in the licensed area under poppy cultivation. The primary reason for reduction in area under poppy cultivation is due to over-supply of opiate raw material in the world market.

[*English*]

Special Courts for Trying Narcotics Cases in Kerala

4884. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up special courts for trying cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the time by which these courts are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Section 36 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1985, as amended, provides for trial of offences by Special Courts which are to be created by the State Governments. The State Government have been asked to set up special courts under the Act at the earliest.

Opening of Provisional Office of Vijaya Bank at Mandya, Karnataka

4885. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of Vijaya Bank in Mandya district of Karnataka;

(b) whether there is any proposal to

open a Divisional Office of the Vijaya Bank at Mandya; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There are 29 branches of Vijaya Bank functioning in Mandya District of Karnataka.

(b) and (c). Reserve Bank of India (RBI)do not have any proposal with them for opening a divisional office of Vijaya Bank at Mandya. As per the existing guidelines, Regional and Zonal offices of banks are established with the twin objectives of ensuring adequacy of supervisory control and economy of expenditure. The bank has got 19 divisional offices and 6 Zonal offices to control the operations of the existing branch network of 722 branches.

Targets for Export and Import

4886. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports and imports targetted for the current financial year along with their percentage to the gross domestic production;

(b) the actual performance of exports and imports during the year, so far;

(c) whether the Exim scrips have been found advantageous for encouraging exports; and

(d) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE(SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) In light of uncertainties relating to developments in the global economy, exports to USSR on account of difficulties being experienced by the USSR to supply necessary imports due to dislocation in the Soviet Union, severe import curbs imposed on account of critical Balance of Payments situation and time lag for exporters to react to the far reaching reforms in trade policy, no specific export target for 1991-92 has been finalised. Ministry of Commerce do not fix any import target.

(b) According to provisional figures, India's exports and imports during April-September 1991 amounted to Rs.18711 crores and Rs.21067 crores respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Through Exim Scrips, import of all raw Materials and components, barring import of sensitive items such as Petroleum and petroleum products, Fertilizers, etc were linked to export performance. Moreover, the Exim scrips are freely transferable and hence command a premium in excess of 20%. This is a built-in incentive for exporters.

Savings Schemes

4887. SHRI PRAKASH V PATIL:
SHRI M.G.REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the savings schemes under operation at present in the country;

(b) the total collections made during each of the last three years, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether there has been a decline in t he collections under these schemes;

(d) if so,the details there of and the reasons therefor;